

REMARKS

Applicant lists the following portions or segments of the original specification in support of the changes made to claims 1, 5, 6, 8 and 10 by the Amendment filed on October 15, 2004:

In claim 1, line 4 and in claim 6, line 3; and in claim 10, line 5, the terms “by extra-vascular manipulation,” or “extravascularly” [positioning or creating] find support in the original specification, for example, as Figures 7 and 8 and the associated descriptions including at page 17, lines 18-25.

In claim 5, lines 5-6, the substantive limitation “via an initial entry at a location relative to a femoral artery below the inguinal ligament” finds support in the original specification, for example, at Figures 6, 12-15 and the associated descriptions including at page 13, lines 17-24 and page 16, lines 22-25.

In claim 8, line 2, the recitation in the preamble of “in which the instrument includes an endoscope” finds support in the original specification, for example, at Figures 12, 13 and the associated descriptions including at page 19, line 26 to page 20, line 8.

An instrument having a lumen extending between the proximal and distal ends may commonly be referred to as a laparoscope or endoscope, for example, as described in the publications cited at page 23, lines 3-9.

Applicant lists all copending applications that may include claims to subject matter similar to the present claims, as follows:

- U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/903,831
- U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/731,068
- U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/824,043

Copies of the claims pending in these applications are attached hereto.

Favorable consideration is solicited.

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ATTACHMENTS:

Claims of Serial No. 09/903,831

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